

GED® TESTS FEE INCREASES

First-Time Tests Fee for GED Test-Takers in Fiscal Year 2009-10

\$50 for all five content areas taken at a scheduled test session, whether the test session is one day or two.

Re-testing in Fiscal Year 2009-10

If a test-taker has to re-test on any content area of the GED Tests, they will pay a sub-session fee rather than paying a fee for each individual content area. The fee for each sub-session is \$25. Because of the way the test is administered, there are three sub-sessions:

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| 1) Language Arts, Writing | \$25 to re-test |
| 2) Math | \$25 to re-test |
| 3) Social Studies, Science and Language Arts, Reading | \$25 to re-test any one, two or three content areas in this sub-session during the same test session |

The overall re-test fee shall not exceed \$50 for all content areas (even if all three sub-sessions are taken) at a scheduled test session, whether that test session is one day or two.

Examples for Fiscal Year 2009-10

	Fee
Repeating 1 content area, 1 sub-session, 1 test session	\$25
Repeating 2 content areas, 2 sub-sessions, 1 test session	\$50
Repeating 3 content areas, 3 sub-sessions, 1 test session	\$50
Repeating 4 content areas, 3 sub-sessions, 1 test session	\$50
Repeating 5 content areas, 3 sub-sessions, 1 test session	\$50

Subsequent Fee Increases

Year	First-time Fee	Sub-session Re-test Fee
July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010	\$50	\$25
July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011	\$55	\$25
July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012	\$60	\$30

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The GED testing program is very important to the nearly 786,000 Kentucky adults over the age of 18 that do not have a high school diploma or GED credential. Earning the GED credential enables the adult to compete for jobs, pursue postsecondary education and contribute tax revenue to the Commonwealth.

The GED testing program is also important for meeting national performance measures for adult education and the resulting federal funding as well as reaching the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education's goal of increasing the number of baccalaureate degrees.

Why is the Test Fee Increase Necessary?

- Official GED Testing Centers receive no state or federal funding. Test centers must operate from the test fees and contributions from their contracting entity—primarily boards of education and community colleges. The fee was last increased in 2005.
- Because several test centers indicated they may have to close, KYAE surveyed nine representative test centers in the spring of 2008 and determined that all, regardless of size or location, were losing money.
- The test fee in Kentucky is lower than surrounding states and the national average. KYAE has labored to keep the fee as low as possible while still providing geographic and timely access to testing.

- KYAE adopted new testing center policies effective July 1, 2008 in an effort to maintain the financial viability of test centers including pre-payment of fees and a no-show policy.
- The proposed incremental fee structure will not eliminate the deficit, but will continue access and allow test centers to cover mandated accommodated testing for those with disabilities.

